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SUBJECT: GRZ INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO VISIT ZAMBIA

REF: LUSAKA 219

1. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MWAANGA IN COVERING LETTER OF
FEBRUARY 12 TO AMBASSADOR TRANSMITTED FORMAL GRZ INVITATION
TO SECRETARY TO VISIT ZAMBIA WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

2. "THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE
OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE RECENT INITIATIVES YOU
TOOK WHICH LED TO THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT
AND ISRAEL TO DISENCOURAGE
(SIC) AND SEPARATE FORCES IN
THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE.

3. "WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST FOR A
LONG TIME AND DURING THE TIME I SPENT ON THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, WE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR
DELEGATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO
FIND A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS WAR TORN PART OF THE
WORLD. I BELIEVE THAT THE PROGRESS YOU HAVE ACHIEVED
IS THE LARGEST SINGLE
CONTRIBUTION WHICH HAS EVER BEEN MADE
BY ANY ONE COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES TO FIND A
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. YOU
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DESERVE OUR THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

4. "I WAS INFORMED BY OUR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS THAT, AT THE LUNCHEON YOU GAVE TO AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK, YOU MADE REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF PAYING A VISIT TO

AFRICA SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY INVITE YOU TO VISIT ZAMBIA AT A DATE TO BE SUGGESTED BY YOU. SHOULD YOU INDEED BE PLANNING A VISIT TO AFRICA, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO INCLUDE ZAMBIA ON YOUR ITINERARY. WE SHALL WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE YOU AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH YOU ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS.

5. "MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU GREAT SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT PEACE ENDEAVORS."

6. POUCHING ORIGINAL LETTER TO SECRETARY UNDER REGISTRY NO. 775493 OF FEBRUARY 15.
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